

# Leslie Vale road upgrade brought forward after questions over delays

**Safety upgrades at the Leslie Road intersection with the Huon Highway have been brought forward, after concerns the project had stalled despite earlier government commitments.**

The intersection has been the focus of long-running safety concerns, including high-speed traffic and heavy vehicle movements.

During Legislative Council Question Time last week, Independent MLC Meg Webb pressed Infrastructure Minister Eric Vincent on the status of the project.

The Minister confirmed no design contractor had yet been appointed.

**“ At this point, there is no contract with the designer team ”**

That response followed earlier assurances in February that the department would “soon be engaging a consultant to design an improved Huon Highway/Leslie Road intersection”.

The Government also indicated there was no timeline for construction to begin until design work was complete, which could extend through the year.

However, following further questioning, the Minister said the project had now been brought forward.

He said the Government hoped to have a design contractor in place by the end of April, once preparatory work was complete.

The Leslie Vale Community Committee and Friends of the Longley Area Group have been campaigning for upgrades for several years, raising safety concerns with both state and local government.

The groups say the intersection lacks slip lanes and requires vehicles to turn across fast-moving highway traffic.

The project is expected to be funded through the Huon Highway corridor program, which includes shared federal and state funding.



**The Leslie Road-Huon Highway intersection, a key route for Kingborough traffic where safety concerns have been raised.** (PS)



**Heavy vehicles at the Leslie Road intersection, where community groups say truck traffic contributes to ongoing safety risks.** (PS)